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Annotations

1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 80 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, the Committee will elect its officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The provisional agenda for the present session was approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2000/216.

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996, paragraph 32 (a), and rule 84 of the rules of procedure of the Council, several non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council have requested to be heard by the Council in connection with items in the provisional agenda of the substantive session of 2000 of the Council (E/2000/100).

Documentation

E/C.2/2000/CRP.4

3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations

(a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from the 1999 session of the Committee

(b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification

The Committee will consider applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification from non-governmental organizations and act thereon. The Committee will also consider applications that were deferred from its 1999 session as well as from sessions of prior years.

Documentation

Applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held in 1998 and 1999: memorandum by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/2000/CRP.1)

Deferred applications for reclassification: memorandum by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/2000/CRP.3)

New applications for consultative status: memorandum by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/2000/R.2 and addenda)

Requests for reclassification: memorandum by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/2000/R.3)

4. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304

(a) Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Secretariat

In view of the continuous expansion of the functions and responsibilities of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat to meet the demand of a growing number of applications for consultative status as well as the diverse, more substantive demands of a larger and more active non-governmental organizations community, the Committee requested, at its resumed 1998 session, that this item remain in the agenda of the Committee.

At its resumed 1999 session, the Committee reaffirmed its support to the ongoing process of strengthening the Non-Governmental Organizations Section and noted that the General Assembly would take up this issue at its resumed fifty-fourth session.

(b) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations

At its 1999 session, the Committee welcomed the proposal of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CONGO) to undertake wide-ranging consultations with all concerned parties to address issues of accreditation of non-governmental organizations and their participation in the work of the United Nations.

(c) Consideration of organizations whose defining characteristics are not in strict conformity with the provisions of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31

At its resumed 1999 session, the Committee reviewed the issue of non-governmental organizations whose defining characteristics were not considered by some Committee members to be in strict conformity with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, namely, commercial/industrial, professional, religious, research/education, and Government-funded organizations. The Committee decided to defer the consideration of this item to its 2000 session. The Committee will have before it the applications of 10 organizations that have applied for consultative status with the Council.

Documentation

Compilation of non-governmental organizations whose defining characteristics are not in strict conformity with the provisions of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31: memorandum by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/1999/CRP.5)

5. Implementation of Economic and Social Council decision 1996/302

The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 1996/302, decided that the non-governmental organizations referred to in its decision 1993/220 that wished to expand their participation in other fields of the Council should so inform the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations.

The Committee will have before it the applications of organizations that have applied for consideration.

Documentation

E/C.2/2000/CRP.5

6. Review of deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

In accordance with the arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations approved by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1996/31, such organizations are required to submit, every fourth year, a report on their activities as regards the support they have given to the work of the United Nations. After examining the reports, the Committee may recommend to the Council any reclassification in the status of the organizations concerned that it deems appropriate.

The Committee will consider

(a) Reports deferred from the 1999 session;

(b) Pending quadrennial reports submitted by organizations on their activities during the periods 1994-1997 and 1995-1998.

Documentation

Compilation of deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council: memorandum by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/2000/CRP.2)

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7. Consideration of special reports

At its 1998 resumed session, the Committee decided to defer to its 1999 session the consideration of the special report submitted by the World Confederation of Labour (WCL). At its 1999 session, the Committee reviewed the special report and agreed to request a new special report from WCL for consideration at the Committee's next session. At its resumed 1999 session, the Committee reviewed the new special report of WCL, noted the ongoing dialogue between WCL and the International Labour Organization, and decided to defer its decision on the matter to its 2000 session.

Documentation

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8. Provisional agenda and documentation for the session of the Committee to be held in the year 2001

In its resolution 1894 (LVII) of 1 August 1974, the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General to submit at each session of a subsidiary body of the Council a draft provisional agenda for its following session, together with information relating to documentation.

9. Adoption of the report of the Committee

The Committee is required to adopt its report for submission to the Economic and Social Council.